

Category Definitions

1. Acoustical-Drywall

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation, application, alteration and repair of all types of acoustical systems, to include acoustical ceilings, wall panels, sound control blocks and curtains, hangers, clips, inserts, nails, staples, related hardware and adhesive, lightweight framing systems and related accessories (electrical excluded), installation and repair of gypsum wall board, painting, accessories, taping and texturing.

2. Air Conditioning & Warm-Air Heating

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation, alteration and repair of air conditioning and warm-air heating systems. Systems may include, but are not limited to duct work, air filtering devices, water treatment devices, pneumatic or electrical controls and control piping, thermal and acoustical insulation, vibration isolation materials and devices, liquid fuel piping and tanks, water and gas piping from service connection to equipment served, testing and balancing refrigerant cooling and heating circuits and air handling systems.

3. Blasting

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the use of conventional and high explosives for pre-splitting, surface, underground and underwater blasting, drill, trench, or excavate for use of explosives; priming and loading drilled, trenched or excavated areas by pipe tamping, drilled, trenched or excavated areas by pipe tamping, pneumatic loading, injector loading, mud capping, slurry loading, combination of pneumatic and injector loading or hand loading; use of V.O.M. (volt, ohms and milliampere meter) in testing blasting machine output voltage, power line voltage, measuring electric blasting cap or blasting circuit resistance, testing for current leakage, testing for AC-DC stray current and voltage, leading wires for open or short circuits, rack bar blasting machine for running short or galvanometer output voltage; use of blasting caps, electric blasting caps, delay electric blasting caps, primacord and all other detonating devices.

4. Bridges & Structures

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation, alteration and repair of bridges and related structures, including culverts.

5. Building Cleaning & Maintenance

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the cleaning and maintenance of a structure designed for the shelter, enclosure and support of persons, chattels, personal and moveable property of any kind.

6. Chimney Repair

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the cleaning or repair of multi-type chimneys, flues or emission control devices used to conduct smoke and gases of combustion from above a fire to the outside area.

7. Clearing

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to remove and dispose of all trees, brush, shrubs, logs, windfalls, stumps, roots, debris and other obstacles in preparation for excavation of a construction site or other uses.

8. Communication & Alarm Systems

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation, alteration and repair of communication and alarm systems, including the mechanical apparatus, devices, piping and equipment appurtenant thereto (except electrical).

9. Concrete

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to process, proportion, batch and mix aggregates consisting of sand, gravel, crushed rock or other inert materials having clean uncoated grains of strong and durable minerals, cement and water or to do any part or any combination of any thereof, in such a manner that acceptable mass, pavement, flat and other cement and concrete work can be poured, placed, finished and installed, including the placing, forming and setting of screeds for pavement or flat work. Also includes concrete sidewalks, driveways, curbs and gutters.

10. Craning & Erection

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the art, ability and skill to safely control the workings of a crane in such a manner that building materials, supplies, equipment and structural work can be raised and set in a final position.

11. Crushing

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to reduce rocks and aggregates to a smaller and uniform size and gradation to meet an agreed specification.

12. Demolition

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to demolish all types of buildings or structures and to remove all of such buildings or structures from the premises; and maintain the premises surrounding demolition site safely for passing public.

13. Drilling

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes practical elementary knowledge of geology and hydrology; the art, ability, knowledge, science and expertise to bore, drill, excavate, case, pack or cement by use of standard practices, including the use of diamond bits, cable tools, percussion, air percussion, rotary, air rotary, reverse circulation rotary methods or jetting.

14. Electrical

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation, alteration or repair of any electrical wire, fixtures, appliances, apparatus, raceway or conduits and lines, which transmit, transform or utilize electrical energy. Licensure with State Electrical Bureau is required.

15. Elevators/Lifts/Hoists

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability to safely and efficiently install, service and repair all elevators, lifts, hoists, including the fabrication, erection and installation of sheave beams, sheave motors, cable and wire rope, guides, cabs, counterweights, doors, sidewalk elevators, automatic and manual controls, signal systems and other devices, apparatus and equipment appurtenant to the installation.

16. Excavation & Grading

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes such work as digging, moving and placing material forming the surface of the earth in such manner that a cut, fill, excavation and any similar excavating operation can be done with the use of hand and power tools and machines that are used to dig, move and place that material forming the earth's surface.

17. Fencing

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation and repair of any type of fencing.

18. Fire Sprinkler Systems

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to lay out, fabricate and install approved types of fire sprinkler systems, including all mechanical apparatus, devices, piping and equipment appurtenant thereto. Licensure with State Fire Marshal is required.

19. Flooring

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to examine surfaces, specify and execute the preliminary and preparatory work necessary for the installation of flooring, wherever installed, including wood floors and flooring (including the selection, cutting, laying, finishing, repairing, scraping, sanding, filling, staining, shellacking and waxing) and all flooring of any nature either developed as or established through custom and usage as flooring.

20. Floor Covering/Carpeting

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation, replacement and repair of floor covering materials, including preparation of surface to be covered, using tools and accessories and industry accepted procedures of the craft.

21. Glass & Glazing

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the art, ability, experience, knowledge and expertise to select, cut, assemble and install all makes and kinds of glass and glass work, and execute the glazing of frames, panels, sash and doors, in such a manner that under an agreed specification, acceptable glass work and glazing can be executed, fabricated and installed, and may include the fabrication or installation in any building or structure of frames, glazed-in panels, sash or doors, upon or within which such frames, glazed-in panels, sash or doors, such glass work or glazing has been or can be executed or installed.

22. Hauling

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to obtain or move, by transportation in a vehicle, specified materials.

23. Institutional Equipment

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation, maintenance and repair of booths, shelves, laboratory equipment, food service equipment, toilet partitions, and such other equipment and materials as are by custom and usage accepted in the construction industry as institutional equipment.

24. Insulation

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation of any insulating media in buildings and structures for the purpose of temperature control. This includes F.R.P. (Fiberglass Reinforced Paneling).

25. Landscaping/Seeding/Mulching

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the preparation of plots of land for architectural, horticulture and provisions of decorative treatment and arrangement of gardens, lawns, shrubs, vines, bushes, trees and other decorative vegetation; construction of conservatories, hot and green houses, drainage and sprinkler systems, and ornamental pools, tanks, fountains, walls, fences and walks, arrange, fabricate and place garden furniture, statuary and monuments in connection therewith.

26. Lath & Plaster

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to prepare mixtures of sand, gypsum, plaster, quick-lime or hydrated lime and water or sand and cement and water or a combination of such other materials as create a permanent surface coating; including coloring for same and to apply such mixtures by use of a plaster's trowel, brush or spray gun to any surface which offers a mechanical key for the support of such mixture or to which such mixture will adhere by suction; and to apply wood or metal lath or any other materials which provide a key or suction base for the support of plaster coatings; including the light gauge metal shapes for the support of metal or other fire proof lath. Includes metal stud framing.

27. Masonry Restoration & Cleaning

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation with or without the use of mortar or adhesives of brick, concrete block, adobe units, gypsum partition tile, pumice block or other light-weight and facsimile units and products common to the masonry industry.

28. Guard Rails & Safety Barriers

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation of guardrails and safety barriers (including cattle guards).

29. Millwork & Fixtures

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the art, ability, experience, knowledge, science and expertise to cut, surface, join, stick, glue and frame wood and wood products, in such a manner that, under an agreed specification, acceptable cabinet, case, sash, door, trim, nonbearing partition, and such other mill products as are by custom and usage accepted in the building and construction industry as millwork and fixtures, can be executed; including the placing, erecting, fabricating and finishing in buildings, structures and elsewhere of such millwork and fixtures or to do any part or any combination of any thereof.

30. Ornamental Metals

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the art, ability, experience, knowledge, science and expertise to assemble, case, cut, shape, stamp, forage, fabricate and install sheet, rolled and cast, brass, bronze, copper, cast iron, wrought iron, monel metal, stainless steel, and any other metal or any combination of any thereof, as have been or are now used in the building and construction industry for the architectural treatment and ornamental decoration of buildings and structures, in such a manner that, under an agreed specification, acceptable ornamental metal work can be executed, fabricated and installed; but shall not include the work of a sheet metal contractor.

31. Painting & Decorating

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to examine surfaces and execute the preliminary and preparatory work necessary to bring such surfaces to a condition where acceptable work can be executed thereon with the use of paints, varnishes, shellacs, stains, waxes, paper, oilcloth, fabrics, plastics and any other vehicles, mediums and materials that may be mixed, used and applied to the surface of buildings, and the appurtenances thereto, of every description in their natural condition or constructed of any material or materials whatsoever that can be painted or hung as are by custom and usage accepted in the building and construction industry as painting and decorating.

32. Asphalt Paving

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation of aggregate base course, cement treated base, bitumen treated base, asphalt concrete and the application of asphalt surfacing and surface repairs of streets, intersections, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, running tracks, play areas; including the application or installation of prime coat, asphalt binder course, tack coating, seal coating and chips, slurry seal and chips, flush or flog coats, asphalt curbs, concrete bumper curbs, redwood headers, asphalt surface binder emulsion, asbestos and sand and acrylic color systems. (Board decided on 6-5-89 that synthetic and athletic surfacing should be a category 47). Also includes crack sealing, asphalt maintenance repair and soil pulverization.

33. Plumbing

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability to create and maintain sanitary conditions in buildings, by providing a permanent means for a supply of safe, pure and wholesome water, ample in volume and of suitable temperatures for drinking, cooking, bathing, washing, cleaning, and to cleanse all waste receptacles and like means for the reception, speedy and complete removal from the premises of all fluid and semi-fluid organic wastes and other impurities incidental to life and the occupation of such premises, including a safe and adequate supply of gases for lighting, heating, and industrial purposes. (Licensure with State Plumbing Bureau is required).

34. Refrigeration

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the art, ability, experience, knowledge, science and expertise to construct, erect, install, maintain, service and repair devices, machinery and units for the control of air temperatures below fifty degrees Fahrenheit (50 degrees F) in refrigerators, refrigerator rooms, and insulated refrigerated spaces and the construction, erection, fabrication and installation of such refrigerators, refrigerator rooms, and insulated refrigerator spaces, temperature insulation, air conditioning units, ducts, blowers, registers, humidity and thermostatic controls of any part or any combination of any thereof, in such a manner that, under an agreed specification acceptable refrigeration plants and units can be executed, fabricated, installed, maintained, serviced and repaired, but shall not include those contractors who install gas fuel or electric power services for such refrigerator plants or other units.

35. Roofing & Siding

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to examine surfaces and to bring such surfaces to a condition where asphaltum, pitch, tar, felt, flax, shakes, shingles, roof tile, slate and any other material or materials or any combination of any thereof, that use and custom has established as usable for, or which material or materials are now used as, such waterproof, weatherproof or watertight seal for such membranes, roof and surfaces; but shall not include a contractor whose sole contracting business is the installation of devices or stripping for the internal control of external weather conditions.

36. Sand Blasting

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to sand blast surfaces through the use of equipment designed to clean, grind, cut or decorate surfaces with a blast of sand or other abrasive applied to such surfaces with steam or compressed air.

37. Sheet Metal

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the art, ability, experience, knowledge, science and expertise to select, cut, shape, fabricate and install sheet metal such as cornices, flashings, gutters, leaders, rainwater down spouts, pans, kitchen equipment, duct work, patented chimneys, metal flues, etc., or to do any part or any combination of any thereof, in such a manner that sheet metal work can be executed, fabricated and installed.

38. Signing

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the art, ability, knowledge, experience, science and expertise to fabricate, install and erect signs, including electrical signs and including the wiring of such signs. A licensed electrician must perform all the electrical work.

39. Sprinkler/Irrigation Systems

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the installation of types and kinds of water distribution systems for complete artificial water or irrigation of gardens, lawns, shrubs, vines, bushes, trees and other vegetation, including the trenching, excavating and backfilling in connection therewith. (Low voltage only—see Declaratory Opinion 52)

40. Steel Fabrication/Erection/Installation

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to fabricate, place and tie steel reinforcing bars, erect structural steel shapes and plates, of any profile, perimeter or cross-section, that are or may be used to reinforce concrete or as structural members for buildings and structures, including riveting, welding and rigging only in connection therewith, in such a manner that steel reinforcing and structural work can be fabricated and erected.

41. Tile/Terrazzo

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to examine surfaces and bring such surfaces to a condition where acceptable work can be executed and fabricated thereon by the setting of chips or marble, stone, tile or other material in a pattern with the use of cement, and to grind or polish the same.

42. Traffic Marking & Striping

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the art, ability and expertise to apply markings to streets, roadways, or parking surfaces pre-designed for the use of parking or passage of vehicles by the application of directional lines, buttons, markers, and signs made of but not limited to plastic, paint, epoxies and rubber, in such manner as to provide for the channeling and controlling of the traffic flow. Also includes temporary striping.

43. Utilities

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the construction and installation of pipe lines for the transmission of sewage, gas and water, including treatment plants and facilities incidental thereto; installation of electrical poles, towers, arms transformers, fixtures, conduits, conductors, switch gear, grounding devices, panels, appliances and apparatus installed outside of buildings; including excavating, trenching, grading, back fill, asphalt patching as well as all necessary work and installation of appurtenances in connection therewith.

44. Waterproofing/Caulking

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the ability and expertise to apply solutions of rubber, latex, asphaltum, pitch, tar or other materials or any combination of any thereof, to surfaces to prevent, hold, keep and stop water, air or steam from penetrating and passing such materials, thereby gaining access to material or space beyond such waterproofing or caulking.

45. Well Drilling

A specialty contractor whose primary business includes the practical elementary knowledge of geology, hydrology, the occurrence of water in the ground, water levels in wells, the prevention of surface and sub-surface contamination and pollution of the ground water supply; and the art, ability, experience, knowledge, science, and expertise to bore, drill, excavate, case, cement, clean and repair water wells; or to do any or any combination of any or all such boring, drilling, excavating, casing, cementing, cleaning and repairing with hand or powered tools or rigs, including the installation and repair of pumps.

46. Boiler, Hot-Water Heating and Steam Fitting

A specialty contractor who installs, services and repairs power boiler installations, hot-water heating systems and steam fitting, including fire-tube and water-tube steel power boilers and hot-water heating low pressure boilers, steam fitting and piping, fittings, valves, gauges, pumps, radiators, convectors, fuel oil tanks, fuel oil lines, chimneys, flues, heat insulation and all other equipment, including solar heating equipment, associated with these systems.

47. Other

Specialty contractors not otherwise classified in categories 1 through 46, and whose construction work requires special skills and involves the use of specialized building trades in crafts not previously listed and who meet the standards set by the Board for such classifications.